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SUBJECT: SAFETY OF DALKON SHIELD INTRAUTERINE DEVICE

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1. WE ARE INFORMED BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (NHS) OF DENMARK OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE DANISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AUGUST 19: "SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF DALKON SHIELD (IUD) TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED. BECAUSE OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF A NUMBER OF CASES OF SEPTIC ABORTION IN CONNECTION WITH PREGNANCY DURING USE OF DALKON SHIELD, INCLUDING SOME FATAL, THE FIRM HAS SUSPENDED SALES AS OF JULY 2, 1974. IN THIS CONNECTION THE NHS WANTS TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING: (A) THERE IS NO REASON TO REMOVE THE DALKON SHIELD FROM PATIENTS WHO FEEL NO INCONVENIENCE AND WHO HAVE NOT BECOME PREGNANT; (B) IN CASE OF PREGNANCY WITH A DALKON SHIELD IN PLACE, THE SHIELD SHOULD BE REMOVED OR PREFERABLY, THE PATIENT BE RECOMMENDED ABORTUS PROVOCATUS; (C) IN CASE OF CONTINUED PREGNANCY, WITH OR WITHOUT THE DEVICE, THE PATIENT MUST BE CAREFULLY OBSERVED BECAUSE SOME OF THE REPORTED CASES OF SEPTIC ABORTION

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HAVE SHOWN VERY RAPID DEVELOPMENT TOWARD CRI-

TICAL CONDITION OF THE PATIENT."

2. THE DANISH NHS AT THE SAME TIME INFORMED
US THAT THEY ARE NOW AT PRESENT AWARE OF DANISH
CASES OF SEPTIC ABORTION AMONG USERS OF THE
DALKON SHIELD.
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